

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1136

By Fraley

A RESOLUTION to designate the City of Winchester as the
"Dogwood Capital of the World".

WHEREAS, as winter gives way to spring, the world famous dogwood tree blooms to showcase Tennessee's natural beauty in a most spectacular manner, attracting tourists and other nature lovers from all over these United States; and

WHEREAS, dogwoods are also a popular choice among homeowners looking to provide a touch of color and class to an urban, suburban or rural landscape; and

WHEREAS, there have been more types of dogwoods patented by local nurserymen in Franklin County, Tennessee than anywhere else in the entire world; and

WHEREAS, highly acclaimed for their extensive knowledge of dogwoods, local nurserymen from Franklin County are sought worldwide for consultations, lectures and workshops dealing with the exquisite dogwood tree; and

WHEREAS, the Winchester Dogwood Task Force is planning and implementing an "International Dogwood Festival" to pay tribute to the budding nursery industry in Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, the "International Dogwood Festival" will be held annually in April to invite Tennesseans and out-of-state visitors alike to view the splendor that is Winchester when dogwoods are in bloom; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly have never settled for the merely descriptive when the audaciously hyperbolic has been possible; and

WHEREAS, this Body finds that a formal tribute to Winchester and Franklin County's many important contributions to this State's nursery industry and the development and promotion of the dogwood is both proper and necessary; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED
THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING, that the City of Winchester in Franklin County, Tennessee is hereby designated
as the "Dogwood Capital of the World" in recognition of that fair city's affinity for and mutually
beneficial relationship with the magnificent dogwood tree and its forthcoming, and sure to be
both entertaining and informative, First Annual "International Dogwood Festival."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.